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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN INTEREST IN PROCUREMENT OF
ADDITIONAL HAJ PASSENGER SHIPS

REF: KARACHI MEMCON OF JULY 5, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. RUSTOM COWASJEE, CHAIRMAN NEW PAKISTAN SHIPPING
CORP FORMED FROM NATIONALIZED SHIPPING FIRMS, CALLED
ON ME FEW DAYS AGO TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OBTAINING
"OLD" OR "SURPLUS" U.S. TROOP SHIPS FOR INCREASED HAJ
TRAFFIC BETWEEN KARACHI AND JIDDA.

2. COWASJEE SAID PM BHUTTO HAD MADE COMMITMENT
INCREASE NUMBER OF HAJ PILGRIMS THIS YEAR TO 100,000
FROM 44,000 LAST YEAR AND THAT PRESENT PAK FLEET OF
FOUR HAJ SHIPS INADEQUATE. HE ASKED WHETHER USG COULD
SUPPLY ONE OR MORE OLD TROOP SHIPS FROM MOTHBALL
FLEET OR ELSEWHERE FOR HAJ, SINCE SUCH SHIPS, WITH
SPARTAN PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS, BETTER SUITED FOR
POOR HAJ PILGRIMS THAN NORMAL PASSENGER SHIPS.

3. COMMENT: DO NOT BELIEVE PSC WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN PASSENGER SHIPS AT REGULAR COMMERCIAL PRICES FOR
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WHICH COWASJEE COULD SHOP IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

APPEARS THAT COWASJEE, WHO IS A VERY SHARP BUSINESSMAN,
IS LOOKING FOR A GIFT OR NEAR GIFT FROM U.S. WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE CONCERNING AVAILABILITY
"SURPLUS" PASSENGER SHIPS AT NOMINAL PRICE TO SUPPLEMENT
PAK HAJ FLEET.
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